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LIMIT RESERVE LIST SUGGESTED

Arthur Irwin, Famous Baseball Scout, Wants Seven to Nine Players Held.

WOULD INJURE THE GAME

Holding Fifteen Players Would Allow Other Teams in League to Obtain Substitutes.

Special to The Washington Herald.
New York, Feb. 1.—The suggestion made by Arthur Irwin, former big league, and now a baseball scout, relative to limiting the number of players that a club can reserve each season is one of the best that has edged its way within the glare of the sporting spotlight for many a moon.
Irwin's suggestion, however, cannot be taken as it stands. It would work too great an injury to baseball teams. He would limit the number of players that each club could reserve each season to seven, or nine. This number, it may readily be seen, is entirely too small, as a team left with only seven or nine of its players would have to rebuild entirely.
If the limit were set at fifteen the plan would work out wonderfully. Fifteen men would leave the infield and outfield intact and allow the team to retain seven battery members—surely a sufficient number with which to operate when bolstered up by the recruits.
Fifteen Players Suggested.
Limiting a team's reserve list to fifteen it would mean that many players, of no value to one team except in substitution positions, could be obtained by a club that had need for their regular services. The case of the Philadelphia Athletics is a sample. Connie Mack has some mighty good substitute infielders—players that would make their mark if they could play regularly—yet they have no chance to supplant either McInnes, Baker, Collins, or Barry.
If Connie's substitutes were placed on the market they would be grabbed up speedily by clubs that have weak infields, and in this way the club's fielding strength would be increased and the player would be given a chance to show his real worth and make himself valuable enough to earn more money than he now does as a substitute.
Would Pay Better.
Such a scheme, it seems, would tighten up the league races and make baseball a better paying proposition all around. Practically every one of the first division teams today carries a secondary defense that is far better than the first defense of the tail end clubs.
The same is true concerning the pitching staffs. If the fifteen players reserve rule were in effect it would mean that many of the first division clubs would have to let their "second string" pitchers go to some one of the other clubs, not so well fortified.
The league could appoint a committee of magnates to set a valuation on every player that was not included in the reserve list. Each club that wanted a particular player could put in a request for him. If more than one club wanted a player, lots could be drawn under the same system as during the drafting season.

IN GOOD CONDITION

Hoppe and Sutton Are Ready for Match Tomorrow Night.

New York, Feb. 1.—William F. Hoppe and George Sutton are both in fine fettle for their match for the 1913 belt line in three seasons in Chicago on February 23, 24, and 25. The match will be for \$1,000 a side, with an added purse of \$700 put up by the Hamilton Club and half of the net box office receipts.
Regardless of the outcome of the championship match, Sutton and Hoppe will play a match of 1,500 points, 13.3 ball line in three seasons in Chicago on February 23, 24, and 25. The match will be for \$1,000 a side, with an added purse of \$700 put up by the Hamilton Club and half of the net box office receipts.

RACING CARDS FOR TODAY

Charleston.
FIRST RACE—Purse, \$200; two-year-olds; condition; three and one-half furlongs. Gladwin, 10; Led, 10; Noma, 11; Alon, 12; Ed Selin, 10; Finlay, 10; May Ipp, 10; Commodore, 10; Elvictoria, 10.
SECOND RACE—Purse, \$200; three-year-olds; selling; six furlongs. Surrogate, 12; Stalling Nelson, 10; Marty Lee, 10; Good Will, 10; Tom Hancock, 10; Dick's Pet, 10; Galden Boy, 10; Ada, 10; Frost Royal, 10; Bonds of Hope, 10; Belle of Newmarket, 10; Old Jordan, 12; Stucco, 10; Polly M., 10; Flair, 10.
THIRD RACE—Purse, \$200; four-year-olds and upward; selling; seven furlongs. Semi-Quaver, 10; Heavy Hutchings, 10; Bates, 11; York Lad, 10; Arner, 10; Joe Bado, 10; Prussian, 10; Dr. Dougherty, 10; Judge Mook, 10; Prince Chap, 10; Hannum, 10.
FOURTH RACE—Goodrich Handicap; purse, \$200; three-year-olds and upward; five furlongs. Susan B., 10; America, 10; Cough Hill, 10; Pothorn, 10; Devereux, 10; Joe Blair, 10; Korthage, 10.
FIFTH RACE—Purse, \$200; four-year-olds and upward; selling; six furlongs. White Wood, 10; Merry Lad, 10; Brave, 10; Vothorse, 10; Dick Deadwood, 11; Elvick, 10; Billy Baker, 10; Sherman, 10; Sydney, 10; Post, 10.
SIXTH RACE—Purse, \$200; three-year-olds and upward; selling; one mile. Kiva, 10; Tom Hancock, 10; Stirling, 10; Arner, 12; Helen M., 10; Joe Blair, 10; Effendi, 10; Carquest, 10; Irish Kid, 10; Castara, 10; Dr. Jackson, 10.
Jewett.
FIRST RACE—Selling; two-year-olds; three and one-half furlongs. Alon, 10; Commodore, 10; Noma, 11; Ed Selin, 10; Finlay, 10; May Ipp, 10; Commodore, 10; Elvictoria, 10.
SECOND RACE—Selling; three-year-olds and upward; six furlongs. Kindness, 10; Cash Girl, 10; Gail, 10; Alton, 10; Bealworth, 10; Shofield, 10; Noma, 11; Ed Selin, 10; Finlay, 10; May Ipp, 10; Commodore, 10; Elvictoria, 10.
THIRD RACE—Selling; four-year-olds and upward; six furlongs. Noble, 10; No Quarter, 10; Jewel of Ada, 10; Peter Green, 10; Anne Lee, 10; Annual Interest, 10.
FOURTH RACE—Selling; three-year-olds and upward; six furlongs. Boston, 10; Va. Va., 10; Montreal, 10; Gen. Warren, 10; Lemon Joe, 10; Madeline B., 10; Kallia, 10; Upland King, 10; Beggar James, 10; Sam Storer, 10; Elvictoria, 10; Noma, 11; Ed Selin, 10; Finlay, 10; May Ipp, 10; Commodore, 10; Elvictoria, 10.
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Jack Ryan Paid High Tribute As a Coach of Young Players

Veteran Catcher a Big Help to Washington Club, Says Manager Griffith.



LEFT HAND

By C. W. SWAN.

There is one member of the Washington baseball club who has never been given credit for the assistance he has been to Manager Griffith and that is Jack Ryan, all-around handy man and coach of the young hurlers.
Ryan has been with the Nationals two years. In this period he has helped to develop Joe Boehling, Jim Shaw, Joe Engel, and others. His work with the youngsters has been of great value to the local club and Griffith thinks the world of him.

"Ryan is a great help to me," said Griffith last night. "He has the youngsters all ways in condition and that is a big help, believe me. One of Jack's chief assets is his disposition. I have never seen him lose his temper with a young pitcher, no matter how provoking the pitcher might be, and some of them can make you sore at times. I consider Ryan one of the best coaches of young pitchers in the game today and would not part with him for something else."

Started in 1888.

It was way back in 1888 that Ryan started playing professional ball, catching for the Portsmouth club in the New England League. Jack did not linger long in that company, as he shortly developed into a star backstop. Ryan has been playing professional baseball twenty-six years and can still go behind the bat and receive with the youngsters.

Ryan has developed some of the game's best twirlers in his career. One pitcher who owes his success to Ryan is Vic Willis, who will be remembered for his sensational work with Boston. Willis was with Syracuse when Ryan was doing the backstopping for that club, and was about to be released when Ryan asked to be allowed to take the youngster in tow. Ryan proceeded to make a pitcher out of Willis. That he more than made good in his task is borne out by Willis' big league record.

Another man Ryan developed is Helme Berger, who pitched winning ball for the Cleveland club in 1904.



RIGHT HAND

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Every Finger on Both Hands Has Been Broken More Than Once in Baseball.

Naturally, doing his long career with the big mitt and chest protector, Ryan has caught many different pitchers. In speaking of them, Ryan said: "I think that Jout Meekin was the hardest man to work with that ever stepped into a pitcher's box. He had great speed, but was lacking in control. Then, in those days, for Meekin was a star with Amos Rusie, the pitchers did not work with the catchers as they do now. Meekin would cross often, and as a result I would have a finger broken." Meekin pitched for the Louisville club in 1891, and Ryan was the team's regular backstop.

When it comes to records, Ryan probably holds one which will stand for some time. Ryan's fingers have been broken innumerable times. There is not a finger on either hand that has not been twisted by a fast breaking curve or a fast ball, and still Jack loves the old game.

Fingers Not Protected.

Ryan was a star before the catchers were protected as they are today. The gloves were not padded scientifically then, the catchers did not wear shin guards, or the inflated chest protectors. This, in a measure, is the cause of Ryan having so many broken fingers. He was forced to try for everything that came anywhere near the plate.
Jack has been a catcher in all but Helme Berger, who pitched winning ball for the Cleveland club in 1904. For two years, Ryan played sec-

IRON MASK FAILS TO LOWER RECORD

Livingstone's Great Horse Covers Mile in 1:39.25.

BIG CROWD TURNS OUT

Showing of Thoroughbred a Big Disappointment—Belle of Bryn Mawr a Winner.

Junius, Feb. 1.—In the presence of one of the greatest crowds ever gathered at the Juarez course and over a lightning fast track, Jefferson Livingstone's great horse, Iron Mask, failed this afternoon in his attempt to lower the record of Salvador of 1:35 1-2 for a mile. The best he could do was to negotiate the distance in 1:39 3-5, which is several seconds slower than the best time made by supposedly inferior horses at Juarez this season. The performance of Iron Mask was a disappointment, but the horse did his best, and demonstrated clearly that he is essentially a sprinter and cannot go a route.
The resume below gives the age of the performers and weight carried by the horses performing the fastest mile records, which were expected to pass into history:
Salvador, four years, 110 pounds..... 1:35 1-2
Belle of Bryn Mawr, 3 years, 105 pounds..... 1:37 1-4
Kidder, four years, 110 pounds..... 1:37 1-4
Mosses, four years, 110 pounds..... 1:37 1-4
Vandal Right, three years, 105 pounds..... 1:37 1-4
In the Sonora Handicap, Belle of Bryn Mawr, the winner, raced the mile in 1:35, and best Col. Marchmont and Chastain, while John Beardon, the favorite, got no part of the purse.
Summary:
FIRST RACE—Three and a half furlongs. Belle of Bryn Mawr, 105 (Tipton), 7 to 1, won; Col. Marchmont, 110 (Green), 7 to 5, second; Chastain, 105 (Harvey), 4 to 1, third. Time, 1:35. Trial, 1:36.
SECOND RACE—Six furlongs. Mosses, 110 (Gargan), 6 to 1, won; Gold Plan, 110 (Tipton), 7 to 1, second; Tipton, 110 (Green), 7 to 5, third. Time, 1:37. Trial, 1:38.
THIRD RACE—Sonora Handicap; one mile. Belle of Bryn Mawr, 105 (Tipton), 7 to 1, won; Col. Marchmont, 110 (Green), 7 to 5, second; Chastain, 105 (Harvey), 4 to 1, third. Time, 1:35. Trial, 1:36.
FOURTH RACE—Chihuahua selling stakes; six furlongs. Mosses, 110 (Gargan), 6 to 1, won; Gold Plan, 110 (Tipton), 7 to 1, second; Tipton, 110 (Green), 7 to 5, third. Time, 1:37. Trial, 1:38.
FIFTH RACE—Seven furlongs. Doria, 105 (Tipton), 5 to 1, won; Butter Ball, 105 (Tipton), 6 to 5, second; Great Flier, 105 (Tipton), 7 to 1, third. Time, 1:25 3-5. Star Berta, Commendation, Helen Ransom, Joe Woods, and Nine Miles also ran.
SIXTH RACE—Mile and an eighth. Black-Eyed Susan, 105 (Tipton), 5 to 1, won; Palmdale, 105 (Dorsey), 3 to 1, second; Little Wren, 105 (Harvey), 4 to 1, third. Time, 1:31. Thalso also ran.

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Twelve members of the Georgetown University track team were given trials yesterday on the Hilltop for the quartet which will represent the Blue and Gray in the coming Boston A. A. indoor meet, providing that Graduate Manager of Athletics Walsh, who is at present in the Hub City, can make the proper arrangements.
Johnny Fitzpatrick, formerly of the St. Andrew's Catholic Club, of New York City, by his performance yesterday is sure of landing a berth with the Blue and Gray relay, while Johnny Subbing, the only veteran from last season's team showed enough to also secure a position on the four.
Brent Young, who has shown class among the different club teams in this locality, in all probability will be the third member, while "Nubby" Jones, the Western High School flyer, has a grand chance of landing the other berth. The track was heavy, but notwithstanding this the athletes made good time in all the dashes.

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